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SUBJECT: BULGARIA FORMALLY CONFIRMS FIVE TROOPS WILL
JOIN NATO TRAINING MISSION IN IRAQ

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(SBU) The Bulgarian government formally confirmed on 24 February that it will send five trainers to take part in the NATO Training Mission - Iraq (NTM-I). Deputy Minister of Defense Ilko Dimitrov confirmed earlier to Post that the trainers could leave for Baghdad as soon as required by NATO.